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SIR:

In response to the July 31, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend independent claims 24 and 31 as follows:

1 ~~24.~~ (Twice Amended) A multi-piece mold for shaping a glass tube comprising:

two elongated sleeve-like pieces which, when joined, encircle a portion of the tube for shaping the tube; and

an end plug piece including a cylindrical stub positioned at a free end of said end plug and having a diameter less than a diameter of said end plug, said stub